held at CISTI are forwarded to its Link Partners. Most Link documents are delivered within 72 hours.

CISTI: http://cisti-icist.nrc-cnrc.gc.ca/cisti_e.shtml.
University of Alberta Library system:
http://www.library.ualberta.ca.

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The Xtensible Past: XML for Access to Historical Research

A project of the Netherlands Historical Data Archive, the Xtensible Past pilot study will examine the use of XML and the Open Archives Initiative in providing access to data collections and sharing them and on the use of XML in the preservation of data.

The archive contains data collected through historical research projects. Currently, all data is stored in ASCII. The aim of the project is to explore the possibility of using XML and OAI for better access to the NHDA collection and to allow access to data at other institutions, creating a virtual archive that would improve the exchange of data and information among researchers. The combined archive would include data from the Erasmus University and Utrecht University as well as from the NHDA.

In addition, the project will use XML to develop a new protocol for managing and preserving NHDA collections.

Xtensible Past: e-mail, xpast@niwi.knaw.nl; Web, www.niwi.knaw.nl/us/navigate/dishist.htm or www.niwi.knaw.nl/us/dd_nhda/projects/his_proj.htm .

NISO OpenURL Standard Supported by New Software

Openly Informatics has implemented a new NISO linking standard in its 1Cate Link-Server Software.

The OpenURL Standard, version 1.0 was released as a Draft Standard for Trial Use on April 15, 2003, and the trial implementation period began May 1. The new draft standard is designed to provide an extensible framework for linking in libraries. Software based on OpenURL will provide seamless access to all of a library's information resources. The OpenURL 1.0 Standard also includes new support for patents, dissertations, and international text.

1Cate (1-Click Access To Everything) is a suite of software and services from Openly designed for OpenURL resolution and e-journal linking. On May 1, Openly's hosted 1Cate system became OpenURL 1.0 compliant.

According to Eric Van de Velde, director of library information technology at Caltech, and chairman of the NISO OpenURL Standardization Committee, "With the release of OpenURL Version 1.0 as a Draft Standard for Trial Use, implementors of OpenURL Resolvers and providers of OpenURL-enabled information are able to conduct collaborative experiments on the next generation of context-sensitive links. I am happy to see implementations that begin to realize the ambitious goals of the standardization committee."

Openly Informatics is a provider of linking software and services. The company's software and data is used in solutions developed and marketed by integrated library system vendors and information aggregators. 1Cate is Openly's standards-based localized linking server that directs users to a library's "appropriate copy."

Openly: http://www.openly.com.

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